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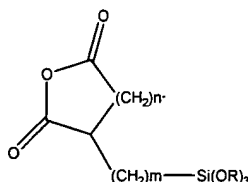
In the claims:

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17. **(Original)** A method for fabricating a microarray, said method comprising:
- (a) producing a polyelectrolyte layer on at least one surface of a substrate;
 - (b) depositing a plurality of spots of ligands on said polyelectrolyte layer, said ligand spots arranged in an array pattern;
 - (c) contacting said polyelectrolyte layer with a reagent comprising:
 - (i) a passivating moiety that reacts with said polyelectrolyte layer,and
 - (ii) a substrate reactive functionality; and
 - (d) producing a covalent bond between said substrate reactive functionality and said substrate.
18. **(Original)** The method of claim 17, further comprising cross-linking said ligand spots onto said polyelectrolyte layer.
19. **(Original)** The method of claim 18, wherein said ligands comprise nucleic acids.

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20. **(Original)** A method for fabricating a microarray, said method comprising:
- (a) producing a polyamine layer on at least one silica surface of a substrate;
 - (b) depositing a plurality of spots of ligands on said polyamine layer, said ligand spots arranged in an array pattern;
 - (c) contacting said polyamine layer with a solution of a trialkoxysilyl anhydride; and
 - (d) forming a covalent bond between said anhydride and said polyamine layer and a covalent silicon-oxygen bond between said trialkoxysilyl propyl anhydride and said silica surface on said substrate.
21. **(Original)** The method of claim 20, wherein said polyamine comprises poly(L-lysine).
22. **(Original)** The method of claim 20, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises a compound having the structure:



wherein n is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, and R is an alkyl or functionally terminated alkenyl group.

23. **(Original)** The method of claim 22, wherein n is an integer equal to 1 or 2, and m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 4.
24. **(Original)** The method of claim 20, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises 3-(triethoxysilyl)propyl-succinic anhydride.

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25. **(Original)** The method of claim 20, further comprising cross-linking said ligand spots onto said polyamine layer.

26. **(Original)** The method of claim 20, wherein said ligands comprise nucleic acids.

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Please add the following new claims:

41. **(Previously Presented)** A method for fabricating a microarray, said method comprising:

- (a) producing a polyelectrolyte layer on at least one surface of a substrate;
- (b) depositing a plurality of different aqueous volumes on said polyelectrolyte layer in an array pattern to produce an array of deposited spots, wherein each aqueous volume of said plurality comprises a polymer;
- (c) contacting said polyelectrolyte layer with a reagent comprising:
 - (i) a passivating moiety that reacts with said polyelectrolyte layer, and
 - (ii) a substrate reactive functionality; and
- (d) producing a covalent bond between said substrate reactive functionality and said substrate.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 41, further comprising cross-linking polymers of said deposited spots onto said polyelectrolyte layer.

43. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 41, wherein said polymers are nucleic acids.

44. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 41, wherein said polymers are peptides.

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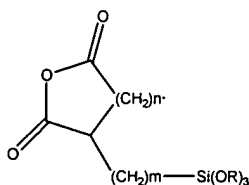
45 [[44]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 41, wherein said plurality of aqueous volumes are deposited by ink-jet deposition.

46 [[45]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 41, wherein said polyelectrolyte is a polyamine.

47 [[46]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **[[45]] 46**, wherein said polyamine comprises poly(L-lysine).

48 [[47]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein said reagent is a trialkoxysilyl anhydride.

49 [[48]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **[[47]] 48**, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises a compound having the structure:



wherein n is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, and R is an alkyl or functionally terminated alkenyl group.

50 [[49]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **[[48]] 49**, wherein n is an integer equal to 1 or 2, and m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 4.

51 [[50]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **[[47]] 48**, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises 3-(triethoxysilyl)propyl-succinic anhydride.

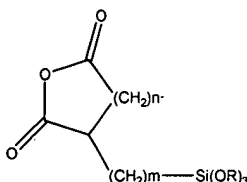
52 [[51]]. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a nucleic acid microarray, said method comprising:

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- (a) producing a polyamine layer on at least one silica surface of a substrate;
- (b) depositing a plurality of different aqueous volumes of nucleic acids on said polyamine layer in an array pattern to produce an array of deposited nucleic acid spots;
- (c) contacting said polyamine layer with a solution of a trialkoxysilyl anhydride; and
- (d) forming a covalent bond between said anhydride and said polyamine layer and a covalent silicon-oxygen bond between said trialkoxysilyl propyl anhydride and said silica surface on said substrate.

53 [[52]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **52 [[51]]**, wherein said polyamine comprises poly(L-lysine).

54 [[53]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **52 [[51]]**, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises a compound having the structure:



wherein n is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, and R is an alkyl or functionally terminated alkenyl group.

55 [[54]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **54 [[53]]**, wherein n is an integer equal to 1 or 2, and m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 4.

56 [[55]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **52 [[51]]**, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises 3-(triethoxysilyl)propyl-succinic anhydride.

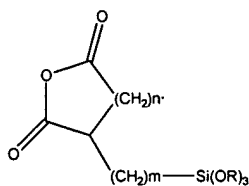
57 [[56]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **52 [[51]]**, further comprising cross-linking said nucleic acid spots onto said polyamine layer.

58 [[57]]. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a peptide microarray, said method comprising:

- (a) producing a polyamine layer on at least one silica surface of a substrate;
- (b) depositing a plurality of different aqueous volumes of peptides on said polyamine layer in an array pattern to produce an array of deposited peptide spots;
- (c) contacting said polyamine layer with a solution of a trialkoxysilyl anhydride; and
- (d) forming a covalent bond between said anhydride and said polyamine layer and a covalent silicon-oxygen bond between said trialkoxysilyl propyl anhydride and said silica surface on said substrate.

59 [[58]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **58 [[57]]**, wherein said polyamine comprises poly(L-lysine).

60 [[59]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 57, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises a compound having the structure:



wherein n is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 10, and R is an alkyl or functionally terminated alkenyl group.

61 [[60]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **60 [[59]]**, wherein n is an integer equal to 1 or 2, and m is either zero or an integer from 1 to 4.

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62 [[61]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **58 [[57]]**, wherein said trialkoxysilyl anhydride comprises 3-(triethoxysilyl)propyl-succinic anhydride.

63 [[62]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **58 [[57]]**, further comprising cross-linking said nucleic acid spots onto said polyamine layer.

64 [[63]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein said depositing step (b) comprises depositing a plurality of different aqueous volumes of ligands on said polyelectrolyte layer.

65 [[64]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim **64 [[63]]**, wherein said ligands are nucleic acids.

66 [[65]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim **64 [[63]]**, wherein said ligands are peptides.

67 [[66]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim **64 [[63]]**, wherein said plurality of aqueous volumes are deposited by ink-jet deposition.

68 [[67]]. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said depositing step (b) comprises depositing a plurality of different aqueous volumes of ligands on said polyelectrolyte layer.

69 [[68]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim **[[67]] 68**, wherein said ligands are nucleic acids.

70 [[69]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim **[[67]] 68**, wherein said ligands are peptides.

71 [[70]]. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim **[[67]] 68**, wherein said plurality of aqueous volumes are deposited by ink-jet deposition.